Advance Payment of Security Related Expenditure to States

596. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government used to re-imburse the amount spent by State Governments on Security after the expenses had been incurred, as a result of which the police functioning in many States had been hampered on account of paucity of funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have now taken a decision to provide Security Related to Expenditure to the States in advance to help them to further strengthen and modernize the police force; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) In case of Security Related Expenditure (SRE) schemes for J&K and NE States, there is a provision of advance release/*ad hoc* payment to State Governments subject to adjustments after final audited accounts are made available. However in case of SRE for naval affeted ares, the Government has recently taken a decision to revise SRE guidelines to *inter-alia* include advance/*ad hoc* payments to the affected States.

Naxalites violence in Uttar Pradesh

†597. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that recently some armed naxalites had blasted a P.A.C. truck at Chandauli in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) if so, the details regarding number of soldiers killed alongwith the number of injured in the said incident;

(d) whether Government have formulated any plan for taking concrete action to keep a check on recurrence of such incidents; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) On November 20, 2004 in Narkati jungle area under Naugarh Police Station in Chandauli district, MCCI extremists triggred a landmine blast and opened indiscriminate fire targeting a 3-vehicle convoy of a police party. 15 policemen comprising 10 Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) jawans and 5 civil police personnel including a Sub-Inspector were killed in the incident while 2 other policemen were injured. The naxalites decamped with a GF rifle, three AK-47, six SLRs, two 303 rifles and ammunition from the deceased policemen.

(d) and (e) The Central Government had adopted a multi pronged strategy to tackle the problem of naxalism which includes (a) having a peace dialogue by the affected States, wherever feasible, with naxal groups willing to abjure violence, (b) modernisation and strengthening of the State Police forces, long term deployment of para military forces, intensified intelligence based well-coordinated anti-naxalite operations, (c) focused attention on integrated development of the affected areas and (d) gearing up of public grievances redressal system and creation of Local Resistance Groups. Beside, all naxal affected States have been advised to organize orientation and training programmes for their inelligence and operational branches to understand the pattern and the strategy being adopted by the naxal outfits in ambushing security forces by using IED/landmine explosions.

Discontinuation of sale of Census Commissioner's Report

598. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sale of the Census Commissioner's report was discontinued in early September, 2004; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) On 6th September, 2004 a limited number of copies of the Report on religion were printed. Since the growth rates of the religious communities in the brief analysis of Report didn'ts mention that these were unadjusted, all the copies were not distributed. The Report was amended to include both the unadjusted and adjusted rates and made available for sale on 9th September, 2004.